

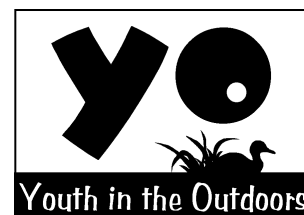
Outdoor Sporting Fairs

The Game Bird Heritage Program sponsors three large Outdoor Sporting Fairs, annually. These fairs are provided free to the public through the cooperative efforts of private hunting and shooting clubs, and hunting and conservation organizations. Fair goers are treated to a country-style atmosphere, ideal for a day of family fun. Activities for the beginner include: canoeing, archery, decoy painting, making quail calls and dove nest cones, using shotgun ranges, and trout fishing for kids. Seminars in fly fishing and fly tying, wild game cooking, gun dog training, game cleaning and more are sponsored by various organizations. A barbeque and raffle are available for those who wish to contribute to the cost of the event. If you are interested in outdoor recreation, an Outdoor Sporting Fair is just the thing for you. Fairs are offered in the spring and early summer months in Amador, Fresno and Riverside counties. For more information call 916 653-GAME.



Youth in the Outdoors

Most agree that one of the best parts of hunting and fishing is participating in an outdoor recreation with members of your family. The Youth-in-the-Outdoors Committee is an organization dedicated to helping parents and kids make these kinds of memories. DFG wardens and biologists, along with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, have been working with numerous private organizations to promote youth participation in not just hunting and fishing, but all outdoor recreation activities. "Our goal is to get kids outside and hooked on these kinds of activities," said Captain Joe Pecs, a YO Committee member. Public participation in the January 1999 youth duck hunt was 10-times greater than last year, because the YO Committee took it on as their first major promotional effort. Anything that encourages a kid to get outside and take up an outdoor activity is fair game. For more information contact 916 358-2938.



Special Hunts

The Game Bird Heritage Program supports a comprehensive upland game bird hunting program statewide. This program provides opportunities to juniors, and women, families, and general open hunts for pheasant, quail and wild turkey. These hunts are open to anyone with a valid California Hunting License and an Upland Game Bird Stamp. Junior hunters (under age sixteen) are not required to purchase the Upland Game Bird Stamp, and all junior hunting opportunities are provided without fees. A nominal fee may be charged to adult hunters to participate in some private lands hunts. Access to all hunts is by permit only, and permits are awarded through random drawings, held at least two weeks prior to each hunt. In order to meet the application deadline, be sure to request hunt information in advance of the scheduled hunt date. A *Schedule of Special Hunts* is available after June of each year and may be obtained from California Department of Fish and Game offices or by calling 916 653-GAME.



The Fishing in the City Program



The *Fishing in the City Program* works to improve fishing in urban areas, teaches people to fish and helps people understand how their actions affect the quality of water in our local streams, lakes and bays. Regular "how-to-fish" programs are offered free of charge in Metropolitan Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Francisco Bay, and Fresno areas. Tackle loaner sites are established to insure once you learn, you will have the opportunity to continue your new sport. The focus of these programs is teaching safe and responsible angling techniques to people of all ages. Regular fish stocking and habitat improvements are included to enhance fishing opportunities. *Fishing in the City* works with partner agencies and volunteers to provide these free or low-cost services. Anglers 16 years of age and older need to have a fishing license, except on Free Fishing Day.

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